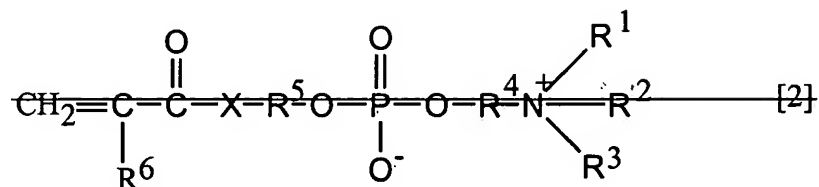


### **Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 as follows:**

## A method for confirming presence of a target



substance in a sample or measuring a concentration of a target substance in a sample by observing formation of agglutination after mixing immobilized antigen or antibody on a proper carrier and a biological origin sample such as serum, plasma, urine, and the like, or a method for confirming presence of a target substance in a sample or measuring a concentration of a target substance in a sample on the basis of turbidity generated by an antigen-antibody reaction, is an assay method known as so-called immunoassay.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 7 as follows:

The substituent which may be possessed by styrene or  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene includes, for example, a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group usually having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms (specifically including, for example, a group such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, sec-pentyl, tert-pentyl, n-hexyl, isohexyl, sec-hexyl, tert-hexyl, cyclopropyl, cyclohexyl and cyclopentyl group); a linear, branched or cyclic ~~alkyl~~ alkoxy group usually having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, more preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms (specifically including, for example, a group such as methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, n-butoxy, isobutoxy, sec-butoxy, tert-butoxy, n-pentyloxy, isopentyloxy, sec-pentyloxy, tert-pentyloxy, n-hexyloxy, isohexyloxy, sec-hexyloxy, tert-hexyloxy, cyclopropoxy, cyclohexyloxy and cyclopentyloxy group); a halogen atom such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine atom; a carboxyl group; a hydroxyl group and an amino group.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 11 as follows:  
CRP concentrations (mg/dL) obtained are shown in Table ~~2~~ 4.